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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - U.S.-IRAN RELATIONS

¶1. LEAD STORIES: Several Monday morning dailies gave top coverage to the results of their respective opinion surveys all pointing to mounting calls for DPJ President Ozawa to resign to take responsibility for the arrest of his top assistant on suspicion of accepting illegal corporate donations.

¶2. "Iran Positive about U.S. Overtures" On the U.S. proposal to invite Iran to a conference on Afghanistan, the liberal Mainichi's Tehran correspondent wrote (3/9): "Iran has expressed its positive stance on the recent U.S. invitation that it takes part in an international conference on Afghanistan. Given that a stable Afghanistan would serve its national interest, Tehran is likely to send its representatives. By taking a concerted approach with Washington in order to attain a 'common interest' in stabilizing Afghanistan, Iran is also hopeful that the participation would help repair its damaged ties with the U.S."

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